

We write to request information you hold in regard to Civil Actions against you. In particular, how many Civil Claims have been made against your Force between April 2016 and April 2017. By the term Civil Claims, this is to include Letters of Claim and not simply the issuing of court proceedings.

**Joint Legal Services deal with public liability claims received from members of the public. Property damage/loss claims valued at less than £2,000.00 are dealt with by the Small Claims Team. Joint Legal Services do not deal with motor or employer's liability claims against the Force.**

**Between 1 April 2016 and 24 April 2017 a total of 186 claims were notified to the Joint Legal Services Department. This figure includes pre-issue and issued claims. This information is obtained from the Insurance System used by the Force called LACHS.**

**The small claims department received 1066 claims between April 2016 and April 2017.**

**We have received 29 EL Claims in this period, and 409 third party motor claims during this period.**

**This data relates to claims notified during these dates and bears no relation to the number of successful claims.**